

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Previous response to Election/Restriction.

In the Office Action dated February 13, 2003, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- Group I: Claims 1-19 and 32, drawn to accessing by user interface or operator interface, classified in class 345, subclass 700.
- Group II: Claim 20, drawn to inexact access, search and ranking, classified in class 707, subclass 5.
- Group III: Claims 21-29 and 33, drawn to distributed or remote access, retrieved by search engine, having URL and network, classified in class 707, subclass 10.
- Group IV: Claims 30, 31, and 34, drawn to a natural language, sentence structure and punctuation, classified in class 704, subclass 9.

In response to this restriction requirement, Applicant provisionally elected Group I.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-4, 6-19 and 32 stand rejected. Claim 5 is indicated allowable. In order to expedite prosecution, Applicant has herein amended the claims and added new claims that include the limitations of claim 5.

Applicant's amendments are not an admission of agreement with any of the Examiner's grounds for rejection and applicant reserves the right to present the rejected claims in a continuation application.

Request For Interview

If the claims are deemed not to be in condition for allowance after consideration of this Response, a telephone interview with the Examiner is hereby requested. Please telephone the undersigned at (510) 769-3508 as soon as possible.

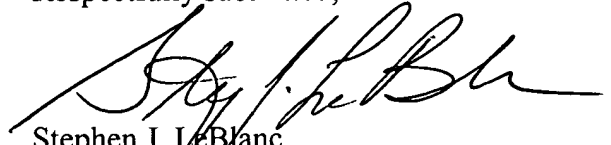
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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Attachments:

- 4) A petition to extend the period of response for 1 months;
- 5) A transmittal sheet;
- 6) A receipt indication postcard.